GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1426
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RECRUITMENT OF YOUTHS TO COUNTER ISI ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to recruit and train the youths of the border areas to counter the activities of I.S.I;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to keep an eye on the industrial units and public sector undertakings in view of the plan of imminent I.S.I. attack; and

(d) if so, the guidelines issued to all the States in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): The Government is implementing various schemes under Border Area Development Programme for the development of these areas and to generate employment. Youth from the areas are also recruited in Central para-military forces. In addition Village Defence Committees have been formed in Jammu & Kashmir comprising of volunteers from the villages.

(c)&(d): Special attention is being paid to vital installations and regular inspection of industrial units is carried out for briefing the authorities on counter-measures. Inputs about threat perceptions emanating from various internal and external extremist/militant forces to the installations are shared with the State Governments/Central agencies & the management from time to time.